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## Micro-Credit

### Ken Montgomery

Today's topic was MicroCredit.

President Dave introduced Past District Governor Steve Rickard from the Calgary West Rotary Club. Steve gave an overview on the MicroCredit Program. There are over 2 million people using the program world wide.

Steve then introduced fellow Calgary West member Ken Montgomery, who spoke on MicroCredit in Honduras.

Ken talked about how successful the program

has been. The program is now self-sustaining and has greatly reduced poverty in Honduras.

There are three groups that make the program successful; Rotary Clubs, Opportunity Canada and Industrial Development Honduras. All money donated by Alberta Rotary Clubs is leveraged by the Alberta Government and then again by the Canadian Government. There is a 99% payback on the loans issued. The program has greatly reduced poverty in the Honduras over the years. Ken closed by asking the Chinook Club to support the project.

A question and answer period followed.



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President Dave Thanked Ken for his informative presentation.



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Club of Calgary Chinook





The meeting was called to order by President David Wartman. The singing of O' Canada, followed by the Rotary Grace, was led by George Van Schaick.

## Guests:

Bill Churchward and Terry Green were greeters. Bill introduced the visiting Guests and Rotarians. There were 2 guests and 2 visiting Rotarians from the Calgary West in attendance.



## Sunshine Report:

Pat Hutchinson had a bit of a setback with his treatments. They have been suspended for a couple of weeks.

## Directors Report:



Community Services Director, Bev Tonkinson, gave a report on the activities currently underway in this avenue of Service.

### • Donations - Dale Perret Chair

A budget of \$15,000 was passed by the Board. There are no specific projects planned yet, but a committee has been

struck and has met to review the committees mandate and roles. One of the criteria for approval will factor in a possibility for our club to provide a hands-on role through our membership as the need for volunteers is often beneficial to the charity as is the funding.

### • Rotary Nature Park - Jim Thompson Chair

Jim and Bev continue to have conversation with the various governing bodies to rectify the concerns in the Nature Park which include the water quality and the vegetation restoration. The plan is to have an amphitheatre built, but not until all these concerns have been rectified.

### • Community Projects - Wayne Wiebe Chair

A budget of \$5000 was passed by the Board for the various projects.

Gwynneth Gourley has plans underway for serving lunch at Ronald McDonald House on three occasions starting in January 2017. The cost to put on a lunch is approximately \$350.

*Photos courtesy George Van Schaick*

The Club, at a cost of \$1,000, will be serving dinner at the Mustard Seed on January 12, 2017. Wayne reported that at the Mustard Seed men's underwear is in great demand. The plan is to donate \$500 towards these needed items.

Ted Wada is organizing volunteers to help with the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle campaign again this year.

Bart Dailley will be receiving Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse again this year. He has the boxes and will deliver any boxes returned to him by the end of November.

Wayne is looking into a project called Soap for Hope. This project involves collecting personal hygiene items like shampoo, conditioner body wash and bars of soap when you travel. These items are given to the homeless. WestJet employees are involved in this project.

If anyone has any other suggestions the Club could be involved in, please contact Wayne Wiebe.

### • Seniors Christmas Lunch - Tammy Truman Chair

A budget of \$8,500 was passed by the Board. The lunch will be on December 6th. A volunteer signup sheet is in circulation.



### • Inglewood Wildlands Development - Bruce Bohnet Chair

Bruce doesn't foresee any funds required for this year.

### • Greenway - John McBean Chair

Budget for 2016/2017 is \$10,000. The project is 95% completed. Completion date is scheduled for December 2017.

### • Rotary Challenger Park - John McBean Chair

This project has been put on hold. Sufficient capital must be raised to justify commencement of construction.

## Minute Members:

• President Dave asked any Club Members who have served in the military to contact Paul Gaudet. They will be recognized at the Remembrance Day Service on November 11th.

• Jim Hennessey reminded everyone that the November 8th meeting is cancelled.

All members should make every effort to attend the Remembrance Day Service at the Carriage House. See him for tickets or order them online.



### • Rhea

Graham attended the Make Dreams Real Program last Saturday. She will have a report for the ARCH next week.



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## Rotary Foundation Month

November 1st	Bill Skinner — Help for the Islands of Guatemala
November 8th	No meeting ... Remembrance Day meeting on the 11th in lieu
November 8th	'Business & Rotary Networking Night', Limericks Traditional Public House 5 - 6:30 — contact Rob Wolfson
November 10th	Cribbage Night @ the Horton Road Legion, 5:30 to 9 — contact Peter Bickham
November 11th	Rotary Remembers — all clubs' meeting at the Carriage House
November 15th	Past DG Mike French — The Rotary Foundation
November 18th - 20th	Parking at Spruce Meadows for 'The Christmas Market'
November 22nd	Bill Stemp — Classification Talk
November 24th	Cribbage Night @ the Horton Road Legion, 5:30 to 9 — contact Peter Bickham
November 25th - 27th	Parking at Spruce Meadows for 'The Christmas Market'
November 29th	Ken Regan — CKUA AGM and elections for next year's Board



## Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 2nd - 4th	Parking at Spruce Meadows for 'The Christmas Market'
December 6th	Seniors Christmas lunch
December 8th	'Business & Rotary Networking Night', Limericks Traditional Public House 5 - 6:30 — contact Rob Wolfson
December 8th	Cribbage Night @ the Horton Road Legion, 5:30 to 9 — contact Peter Bickham
December 13th	Club Christmas party — evening meeting
December 15th	Atlanta 2017 RI Convention — last day for early-registration discount — \$340
December 20th	Jennifer McCue, President, Bethany Care Society
December 22nd	Cribbage Night @ the Horton Road Legion, 5:30 to 9 — contact Peter Bickham



## Meeting Minutes

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• Anne Dale is working with a Syrian mentors group. This is a very rewarding experience. More mentor volunteers are needed. Contact Anne for details.



- Rob Wolfson is running a Grey Cup Pool fundraiser with all proceeds going to Polio Plus. More details next week.
- Ron May thanked all members who supported the Henry Wise Wood Interact Club in their Decorated Pumpkin Fund sale.
- Peter Bickham thanked those Club Members and Partners who helped with the Grillin' and Servin' fundraiser last Saturday.
- Dale Perret asked everyone to make suggestions for Board Members for the next Rotary Year.



Bart Dailley is handling Operation Christmas Child Boxes for Samaritans Purse again this year. If you bring the filled boxes to Rotary before the end of November, he will deliver them.

**50/50:** won by Peter Bickham.

**Sergeant at Arms:** George Van Schaick fined all members who had not brought a guest to lunch in the last year.



## Rotary Remembers



Friday, November 11, 2016

The Carriage House Inn

9030 Macleod Trail South

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker

Lt. Col. (Ret) Ross Wickware



Register online before Friday, November 4

[rotary5360.ca/event/rotary-remembers](http://rotary5360.ca/event/rotary-remembers)

Tickets \$25.00

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2016, a time of reflection, like no other Club year in some time. Not only because it is the anniversary of the beginning of our club back in 1976, leading to our charter in RI in 1977, but also, a time of remembrance of the members that we lost through passing on ... the most in one year since we chartered.

Reflect on Ron Smith, a charter member, recognized as a Honourary Life Member, just a short few years ago, for all that he had contributed to the club and community over so many years. His passing was a complete shock, dying in France on May 4th while visiting his daughter and family who were on a teacher exchange in Besancon, France. He had also been a charter member of the West Calgary Rotary Club, served as our club President in 1984/85, and was known for never saying NO to any club project or fund raising initiative.

We lost Joe Levy too, on August 25th, a passing that came as a complete surprise as well. Joe came to us in a membership move from The Calgary Club, in 2011, a spirited University Professor who loved to debate and who thoroughly enjoyed being Sgt at Arms periodically. I do wish I had gotten to know him better.

Then just before heading south for awhile, my old friend in Rotary, Tom Ranson passed on October 4th after a struggle with kidney disease. Tom was almost a charter member, joining the club shortly after we chartered in 1977. Tom was club secretary during my time as President, 1981/82, always on top of keeping current info with the help of my secretary Olga. He became our only contact with a sister club, The Rotary Club of Mad River in McKinleyville, California, visiting them frequently. Tom too, was the one and only winner of the coveted silver rodeo Buckle that we put up for a draw during our Chuckwagon entry, The Rotarians, many years ago.

Other club news in 2016 that caught my eye:

Former member Fred James, who had been a playing member of the Stampeder Football Club, passed away in June. He had been a regular on our ski fellowship trips to Panorama.

Former charter member Bill Ferris, passed away in July, we hadn't really gotten to know Bill, as he was in the club a short time.

John Rockley, another well known Rotarian, very active on inter club activities before moving to Vancouver Island, passed away in September.

This is the time in our club's history, so it seems, that the grim reaper takes the biggest slice out of our membership. It saddens us to lose such a great group of those who believed 'Service above Self' was so important.

On a happier note, I did see that a former founding member, Lane Casement, classification Pharmacy, was a guest on Dragons Den and scored major support for his business venture. He is a lot greyer, like many of us, but still plugging along.

As we continue to recruit new members, we must be mindful that mortality will be playing a role in the loss of members too, some mighty big shoes to fill!

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